

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Prater et al. | Examiner: | Kim, P. |
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| Title: | IMPROVED DUAL ACTUATOR PIVOT BEARING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME | | |

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 6, 2006, requiring election of species, i.e., Species A of Fig. 11 and Species B of Figs. 12(a)-(b), Applicants provisionally elect species B, Figs. 12(a)-(b). Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10 are readable upon the species illustrated by Figs. 12(a)-(b).

Applicants reserve the right without prejudice to have the non-elected claims considered upon the allowance of the elected claims.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 865-273-2135.

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